

## GALLANTRY IN PLANO.

Mayor of Illinois Town Orders Police to Escort Women.

## JUST SEE THEM HOME AFTER DARK

Fair Sex Without Escorts Can Now Stay Late in Chicago and Return on Midnight Train, Sure of Getting Protection—The "Finest" on Force of Two Become Bundle Carriers for Shoppers.

Mayor William Deering Steward, namesake of the harvest maker, is making Plano, Ill., a paradise for the fair sex, says a dispatch from that town.

General order No. 35 to the Plano police force has given the village a secure title to the claim that it is the most polite municipality in the world. The order proclaims that the policemen shall consider it one of their duties to escort unprotected women home after dark.

Plano has two policemen—Lewis Langbehn and Jefferson Porter, who were selected as much for their polite address and thoughtfulness as for their reputations as preservers of the peace. Every night they are to be seen patrolling the principal streets with their eyes reverently cast on unruly boys, but also watchful for the unattended woman who would appreciate an escort home.

A few minutes past midnight the most important duty in upholding Plano's reputation for municipal gallantry devolves upon the police force. At that time Plano's "finest" may be found drawn up on the platform of the village station awaiting the arrival of the last west bound train.

It is very dark, and the lovely women hesitate a moment, hoping that some friend is going the same way homeward. Then it is that the "finest" does its duty.

"Madam, may I see that you get home safely?" is the official salutation, in accordance with general order No. 35.

The woman looks up quickly, half inclined to scream, till she spies the star of authority and the doffed hat of the patrolman. A smile of relief passes over her face as she delivers her bundles into the official arms and sets off home with her escort. Some nights there are so many unattended women in need of escort that the policemen have to organize them into two parties, according to route, and convey them home in rotation.

On these occasions the "finest" are said to resemble delivery wagons more than protectors of the weak.

But the "finest" enjoy it, and the women of Plano say that, having tried the system, they would not be without it.

"It was so thoughtful of Mayor Steward," said one Plano housewife, "once I was afraid to come out on that midnight train because it was so dark going home, but now I haven't the slightest fear. I can go to Chicago and shop till they drive me out of the stores and then take the evening train home, always sure to find the police escort at the station."

## Smoked and Died.

A young man in Vienna wanted to commit suicide the other day, but at the last moment his courage failed. Taking out a cigar, he asked a policeman on the bridge for a light. A few puffs revived his courage, and he jumped over the balustrade and disappeared in the waters of the Danube.

## A Child of Five.

A child of five should weigh forty-one pounds, be forty-one and one-half inches in height and have a chest girth of twenty-two and one-half inches.

## Musical Insects.

More than 3,000 persons find employment in Japan in bringing up and training "musical insects" known as Kusa biberi and resembling crickets. The sound they make is like that of a silver bell.

## AS TO TEMPERANCE.

A New Alcohol Danger to Women and Children—A Warning About Patent Medicines.

In the manufacture of a well-known patent medicine, 350 barrels of alcohol are used weekly. The bottles containing this so-called medicine hold a little less than a pint. If the mixture was made up of one-half alcohol, it would require 165,000 bottles a week to dispose of this weekly consumption of alcohol. These are facts which make it easy to understand to what proportion alcohol is used to produce an intoxicating compound sold under false pretenses as "medicine."

Dangerous as such a preparation is to the health and morals of the people, it is made many times more so by the addition of nerve-deadening and poisonous drugs—narcotics and opiates—used because they produce an immediate effect, regardless of the fact that they are injurious in the extreme.

Preparations of this kind find their way into homes where temperance is preached, and where intemperance is looked upon with horror. It is not difficult to understand how under these circumstances home influence and wise teaching is undermined, and the appetite for alcohol and strong drink created. Then, too, the opium, morphine, cocaine and other opiates, (used in these preparations because they temporarily paralyze the functions of the nerves) destroy the entire nervous system and

## BIBLE TEXT FOR BUSINESS.

Plan of Benton Harbor Barbers to Fight Against Flying Rollers.

The barbers of Benton Harbor, Mich., have been forced to adopt Biblical signs in order to counteract the influence of the Flying Rollers, who have settled in the port and are going about advertising the growth of long hair on face and head, says the Chicago Post. The barbers have had printed and now display in their windows this text from Paul's letter to the Corinthians: "Doth not nature itself teach you that if a man have long hair it is a shame unto him?"

Benton Harbor seems to be the favorite retreat of people with odd ideas of religion. Dowie has a flock there, the Rollers are multiplying, and there are two or three other companies who have queer religious notions.

## The Kaiser and Strauss.

An amusing story is told of Emperor William and Richard Strauss, the composer. One day recently when at the opera the Kaiser said that he liked the simple old operas, and, turning to Strauss, he asked him his opinion. Strauss took the liberty of disagreeing with his majesty, who, turning in comic despair to those around him, said, "Now see what an adder I have been nurturing in my bosom!" Since then Strauss is called "imperial bosom adder."

## SAMPLE CLASS YELLS.

Agonizing Efforts of Syracuse College of Medicine Students.

The freshmen in the Syracuse College of Medicine are suffering from brain fag as the result of an effort to compose an appropriate class yell, says a Syracuse special to the New York World. This is the result of their combined productions:

Scalpel, scalpel, lance and probe. Chloroform, anodyne, craps and shroud. Send the stiff to hell or heaven—Syracuse medics, nineteen seven.

They consider this almost classic, but not quite. The real high water mark in class yells at the medical college was attained by the present senior class, who practiced the following before they had learned any better:

Well man, sick man, dead man, stiff. Dig 'em up, cut 'em up, what's the diff? Lancet, scalpel, blood and gore—Syracuse medics, nineteen four.

## Longer Skirts For Women.

There is a strong movement in Paris at present against the short walking skirt, says the New York Herald. It is found that the short skirt is not practical in muddy weather unless it is two inches above the boots, and then it becomes ungraceful. The pound skirt is therefore regaining favor. Fashion's decrees for the coming season declares for a gored skirt with stitched seams and a small shaped flounce at the bottom, sufficiently long to require holding up in the street.

## Baby Parties the Latest Paris Fad.

The latest fad for amusement at social gatherings in Paris is a baby party, according to the New York Herald. A man is dressed in a baby cap and long apron and furnished with a feeding bottle, which is filled with something stronger than milk. He is faced by a lady disguised as a nurse, who proceeds to chide the naughty infant until he becomes good and is rewarded with a stick of barley sugar. The game affords much amusement to the on-lookers and is much in favor.

## A Wandering Pumpkin.

In Peru, Ind., it would seem that there is no room for pumpkins on the ground, for on the roof of one Jerry Squire's house a pumpkin weighing twenty-five pounds was found. The vine climbed a grapevine to the roof.

## Norway Farm Hands.

Farm hands in Norway receive \$40 to \$80 a year.

## Mexicans.

More than 8,000,000 of the 13,500,000 people in Mexico do not work. Counting out the children and aged, there remain 3,774,148 possible producers who produce absolutely nothing.

## An Odd Present.

A New London (Conn.) man presented his wife with a deed to a cemetery lot as a present on the thirteenth anniversary of their marriage.

## SCHOOL LIFE IN TENTS.

Scheme in Arizona to Build Up Health of Delicate Boys.

## OUTDOOR WORK MIXED WITH STUDY

Steer Tying, Branding Contests, Hunting and Camping Some of the Features of an Institution Which Is Called a "Prep" School in the Open.

"Prep" school in the open—each young fellow possessing his own tent, horse, seven dogs, if so inclined; study punctuated by hunting and camping trips to the mountains, mines, Indian reservations, steer tying and branding contests, prehistoric ruins and the big horse ranches, almond orchards and orange groves that are marked features of the Salt river valley, Arizona—this is the latest addendum to the popular desert camp life which is proving such a boon to people who need the outdoor living to build them up, says a dispatch from Tucson to the St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Boys temporarily disabled by over-zeal in study or athletics; pale, weak and anemic, yet anxious to keep up their class work, have found an all-fresco school life where development of brawn goes on with that of the brain an attractive and delightful prescription for "how to get strong" and be contented while getting so.

One of the young fellows, just out of high school, who went last year from the east professed so well by his year's experience in self reliance and the ability to fend for himself that at the close of the school year in May last he started, with only his saddle and pack horses for company, for the long overland trip across the desert, through the "range" country and over the Rockies to Denver, cooking and caring for himself on the way. He returns this fall—brown, robust, keen witted—ready for another year that will fully re-establish his health and at the same time finish his preparation for one of the eastern colleges.

The mise en scene of this queerest of schools is an interesting one. It is situated on the very edge of the desert, near the little city of Mesa, which was first reclaimed from purely desert about twenty-five years ago by the Mormons, who were the pioneers in opening up these pleasant lands to civilization. On the east are the Superstition hills, around which cluster so many Indian legends and so many tales of lost mines. Off toward the north rise the Mogollon and San Francisco ranges, and in the distance Four Peaks looms up, whose snow clad summits are the marker's weather bureau, which he consults to ascertain whether the valley is to have a plentiful supply of water. Nearer by is the red Mountain of McDowell, where General Crook and his followers fought and finally overcame the wild Apaches, and to the south Twin Buttes and the distant hills of Sacaton.

For the boy with archaeological or ethnological predilections this section offers a fascinating field for private exploration and study. In every direction rise well defined prehistoric mounds, filled with countless pieces of pottery, broken to be sure, but with colors and patterns perfectly bright and clearly defined; shell and bone amulets, arrow points of obsidian and flint, bits of turquoise, charred corn cobs and stone implements galore—all relics of that skillful, industrious, provident race that dwelt in southern and central Arizona centuries ago, but vanished, leaving no history of where it came from or the cause of its disappearance. Here, too, are the pictured rocks, their colors still as fresh as when the prehistoric artist depicted on these tables of stone strange birds and animals long since extinct.

Five miles away lies Los Muertos, the fields of the dead, partially unearthed by the Cushing expedition in 1889. This was one of the largest of these ancient cities whose population, prior possibly to the pharaohs or Roman kings, has been estimated at more than 65,000. All about in the desert are the ruined corals or stock pens in which the humans and other animals of the inhabitants were kept, while the irrigating canals still in use are the splendidly built prehistoric ones, simply cleaned out and repaired by the thrifty ranchmen of today.

## Consul Skinner's Romance.

Robert P. Skinner, United States consul at Marseilles, France, who has gone to confer with King Menelik of Abyssinia in regard to better trade relations with the United States, figured in a romance during President McKinley's first administration, says the Cleveland Plain Dealer. Skinner was then publishing a paper in Ohio, and the president, who knew him very well, asked him one day why he did not marry the girl to whom he had been paying attention for some time. The young man candidly said he was not in a position to do so. "Now, Bob," answered the president, "you go and get married. I'll see about the position." Mr. Skinner took the hint and shortly after being united to the girl of his choice was appointed to his present place.

## Pictorial Designs on Railway Cars.

The Western Railway company of Paris has put in service its first train of new cars, with special pictorial designs invented by M. Edouard Cros, says the New York Herald. Each car has a distinctive blazon, consisting of some animal, flower or other object, which helps passengers to remember easily their cars. The devices used on the train already running are a windmill, a lion, a balloon, a guitar, a grapevine, a woman on a bear barrel, a rose, a ship and a cork. The train runs from Paris to Cherbourg.

## SUGAR FROM SAWDUST.

It Can Be Made, but It Is Hardly Fit For Table Use.

During the middle ages the alchemists, who were the predecessors of the modern men of science, spent much time in making a so called "philosopher's stone" which should transform the baser metals into gold, and even nowadays science still has some problems that are almost as tempting to the imagination and probably quite as unlikely to be realized. To turn ordinary sawdust into table sugar is one of them. The table sugar part of it is generally considered an interesting chemistry, but the question of economically reducing sawdust to the different varieties known as grape sugar contains possibilities that greatly interest the modern chemist either in the laboratories of commercial plants or in such student workshops as the sugar laboratory of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Grape sugar, which the chemists call dextrose, is an important item in the manufacture of health foods and can be used economically because it develops naturally in a comparatively inexpensive chemical process to which certain grains, chiefly corn, are subjected to produce eventually starch or glucose. As long ago as 1810 a French chemist surprised the French academy by exhibiting a few grains of grape sugar which he had made from old linen, commonly believed to have been his own shirt. Other scientists have shown also that grape sugar could be made from wood, although no one has yet found a way to transform this grape sugar into the more familiar, everyday produce of the cane or sugar beet. Theoretically, therefore, either an old house or an old suit of linen can be turned into this grape sugar provided one would take a great deal of trouble for a very small result.

The reason why sugar can be made from wood or linen is due to the action—which it would require a sugar chemist to explain in detail—of sulphuric acid on the cellulose, or woody fiber, that is found in both wood and linen. Few persons, however, believe that the process will ever be anything more than a scientific curiosity.

## Trick Automobiles.

Although trick automobiles can be found in France and England, this country claims the lead. The accomplishment is peculiarly well adapted to American genius. Another reason for the supremacy of Americans is the greater lightness of the American machines, taken as a class, and their extreme sensitiveness and delicacy of control. It is of course possible to do more with a light car than with a heavy French racer. Another condition leading to the development of trick chauffeurs in America is the encouragement given them by the manufacturers, who favor trials of skill because they serve to exhibit machines and demonstrate to possible purchasers the lightness and facility with which automobiles may be controlled.

There are several tricks which may be classed as favorites among chauffeurs. They are all extremely difficult, but the one which more nearly borders on the marvelous is the watch trick. Only the most expert chauffeurs attempt it, as the cost of failure is the cost of a watch. To drive an automobile against an open watch, to back it and expect to stop the heavy machine just in time to spare the watch, seems impossible, but the feat has often been performed—Leslie's Weekly.

## Cordite Eaters.

Quite an original species of narcomania is noted by the British Medical Journal as having been discovered by Major Jennings, D. S. O., during the recent operations in South Africa. It consists in the eating of cordite, with which the Lee-Netford cartridges are charged. The existence of the vice first became known to Major Jennings from the suggestion of a regimental non-commissioned officer that a certain man had possibly been taking cordite in order to escape service, but in concluding his notes Major Jennings suggests that the effects are so exceedingly unpleasant that none but the most depraved would ordinarily resort to it as a stimulant and that no man could escape service through its means except by the exchange of service for incarceration as a hopeless lunatic or for death by suicide.

## ROUND THE THRONES.

King Emmanuel is one of the greatest living numismatists and possesses the finest private collection of coins in the world.

King Edward has become exceedingly conservative in matters of dress since his accession to the throne of Great Britain.

Although Joachim Albrecht, prince of Prussia, belongs to the generalist, he cares very little for military matters. His ambition is to be known as a composer.

The following are said to be the names of the sultan of Jolo's wives: Scent of Lilies, Henri's Desire, Honey of Life, Dancing Sunbeam, Blush of Morning, Oasis in the Desert, Moon Upon the Waters, Song of Nightingales, Whisper of the West Wind and Rose in Bloom.

Spare the Pills and spoil the child! Sugar-coated, Ayer's, mild.

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## GENERAL YOUNG'S WAY.

Nervy Act of the Army's Chief in Rescuing a Corporal.

Back in the reconstruction period of the south Lieutenant General S. B. M. Young, the new chief of the general staff of the United States army, proved himself a hero of the fearless, intrepid stripe, says Collier's Weekly. The incident occurred in Texas. He was in command of a garrison in the Lone Star State. Considerable friction developed between the soldiery and the citizens of the town. The citizens made divers threats, and the bluecoats followed suit. Young respected the law, but those were strenuous times, and the iron hand was needed down in that country. The people stormed, but Young merely laughed.

Finally the town authorities arrested one of the soldiers and haled him into court. Tension was high in the little town, and things looked dark for the prisoner. Young learned of the arrest. He didn't call in his staff for advice, and he didn't wait to consult with his military jurists. The exigency had to be met quickly, and Young acted instantly. He ordered out a file of soldiers, placed himself at their head and marched rapidly down the streets to the courthouse. The march startled the townsfolk. They gathered in angry groups, but they didn't fence the future commander in chief of the army. On he led his detachment. "Column left!" rang out as the little file of soldiery reached the courthouse steps, and up they marched and down the aisles of the court room, where Corporal Smith, the prisoner, resigned to his fate, was standing, while the judge was pronouncing his sentence. The justice paused in his judicial declamation and became dumb with amazement. Young's eyes flashed.

"Corporal," he called out, "about face, forward, march!"

Quick as a flash the corporal wheeled about in the prisoner's dock and marched with regular step to Young's relief detachment. Young glanced at the judge, saluted him in mock courtesy and again turned to his men. "About face, forward!" he ordered, and the soldiers, with the rescued corporal in their midst, moved out and filed up the streets to the army post.

It was a nervy act that might have precipitated a riot in these days, but the citizens of the town were paralyzed with amazement and to this day have never taken any steps in reprisal.

## VIOLET HAT ON COFFIN.

Chicago Undertaker Made a Mistake With Flower Covered Headpiece.

A woman in Chicago, the wife of a young minister, has always had a liking for hats of the flower bed variety. At present she owns a "dream" that is covered with violets. The young wife wore the hat recently to a funeral at which her husband officiated. Going into the room which contained the coffin, she removed the hat and placed it on a stand.

The sad faced undertaker, came in a few minutes later to arrange the "doral tokens" on the coffin. After placing the bouquets, wreaths and other flowers in place he picked up the violet covered hat and placed it on top of all the rest. Several of the "mourners" giggled, and the minister's wife wanted to take her hat and run. She had to leave it, however, until the close of the ceremony. When she went by the bier she grasped the hat and successfully made her escape.

## A Rich Man's Fancy.

How many men who have acquired a fortune by practicing the most rigid economy in their younger days would abandon their palatial residences in old age to live in a woodshed? That is what Abraham Simmer, known throughout Iowa as the "Waverly philanthropist," intends to do, says the Detroit News. The woodshed which Simmer will move into will be made into two rooms, a bedroom and dining room. He will live alone and cook his own meals. He declares that he will have reached the true state of happiness in this world, contentment in simplicity. During the past few years Simmer has given more money to charitable institutions than any other man in Iowa. He is said to be worth more than \$1,000,000, and it is his purpose to give this fortune in various sums to the needy institutions of the state before he dies.

## Beacon Lights as an Aid to Cupid.

In the top of the Montauk lighthouse at Montauk point, on Long Island, Miss Evelyn Cook, formerly of London, recently stood before a minister and took Charles O. Gould of Easthampton for better or worse. And just as the words that made them man and wife had been uttered word of the wedding flashed across to Newport by wireless telegraph. Mr. Gould's father was born in the lighthouse, and it was the son's often expressed wish that he be married there. The fact that he first met Miss Cook there was an additional reason for choosing the quiet place for the ceremony. The wedding was the first that had been celebrated in the old lighthouse for seventy-five years.

## Fishing For Potatoes.

The limit in agricultural achievements has been reached by John C. Gangnuss, who lives near St. Charles, Mich. Mr. Gangnuss has a fine patch of potatoes near the river on the marshy flats, but recent rains put the field thirty inches under water. Needing potatoes for dinner, Gangnuss rowed to his field of tubers in a boat and dug a sufficient quantity for the meal with his paddle. As the water has been over the land but a few days, the potatoes are unspoiled and proved to be of excellent quality.

## CAMPUS CHAT.

President Angell of the University of Michigan in his annual report to the board of regents asserts his loyalty to the cause of co-education.

Professor J. Scott Clark will be in charge of a department at the North-western university, Chicago, which will teach fiction writing and even attempt historical novels.

Professor Henry B. Dates, the new professor of electrical engineering at the University of Colorado, occupied a similar position for several years at the School of Technology at Potsdam, N. Y.

The appointment of Mr. Alexander W. Mair to the Greek chair at Edinburgh, in succession to Professor Butcher, has excited some criticism, inasmuch as the new professor is only twenty-eight years of age, but he had a most distinguished career at Aberdeen and at Cambridge.

## CHURCH AND CLERGY.

Rev. Charles Gordon Ames of the Church of the Disciples, Boston, has just celebrated his seventy-fifth birthday.

Rev. James L. Delliver, father of the junior senator from Iowa, is coming to be regarded as "the Grand Old Man of the Buckeye State." It is sixty years since he entered the ministry.

Colonel A. A. Pope has founded a church without any sectarianism in Cohasset, Mass., in memory of his son. All are welcome to worship in the church, pagan or Christian, Jew or gentile.

Rev. Dr. John T. Heschmian, pastor of St. Peter's Lutheran church, Brooklyn, celebrated the other day an unusual double anniversary, the twenty-fifth occurrence of his wedding day and of the date upon which he assumed the pastorate of the church.

## Bavaria.

The old joke about the alliance between doctors and undertakers is not in vogue in Bavaria. In some districts of that country one-half, in others even three-quarters, of the population die without having had medical attendance in their last illness.

## Rats.

Rats are estimated to destroy food to the value of \$90,000,000 yearly.

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